

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

7th April 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Bladen (Chairman) and Councillor Taylor.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. White (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

District Council and Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs. Farrington

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant M. Pitt.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

J. Burley, D. Jenkinson and A. Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council), R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council) and E. Loomis (Woodville Parish Council).

Members of the Public

R. Fairbrother, E. Lockwood (South Derbyshire CVS) and D. Tagg.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Gillespie, J. Stamford, R. Statham, K. Overton, P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer) and Sergeant A. Sutherland (Derbyshire Constabulary).

RA/27. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ford (District Council and County Council representative) declared a personal interest in respect of the County Council Issue – Big Choices – Waste Consultation (Minute No. RA/31), in his capacity as Chairman of the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy Group.

RA/28. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Pitt addressed the Meeting, giving an update on police issues. It was advised that 'D' Division, which this area was part of, now also included Erewash. Staff changes were reported, including the replacement of Inspector Sandeman by Inspector Fiona Killgower, the appointment of a new Beat Officer PC Frost for the Hartshorne/Woodville/Goseley area and also PCSO Pritchard. It was noted that extra patrols had been undertaken in the Willington area on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and in the Woodville area on all evenings during the last two weeks, to address anti-social behaviour. An update was provided on crime statistics and it was particularly noted that violent crime in Area 2 had decreased significantly, which was against the national trend.

A local Ward Member welcomed the appointment of additional Officers for the Woodville area and noted that the increased capacity enabled issues requiring attention to be addressed. A parish council representative queried whether the additional Officers had been appointed as a result of issues raised at the previous Area Forum Meeting, since this had identified as a high priority need for additional resources. Sergeant Pitt advised that the police would respond to all issues raised by the public. It was queried whether the new postholder would also be working as a rural officer. Sergeant Pitt advised that PC Chris Fearn was the dedicated Rural Officer for the area, although other Officers could deal with issues as they arose.

A local resident raised an issue of telephone calls to the police from Ninelands Mobile Home Park, Elmsdale Road, Hartshorne, reporting damage to property. It was agreed to address this matter outside the Meeting.

Reference was made to the PC chat rooms, which had been introduced by Derbyshire Constabulary at the beginning of the week, in an attempt to open all avenues of communication with the police. All information received from the public was analysed, often involving some very lengthy operations. This practice enabled the police to gather enough evidence to enable offenders to be taken to court with a view to potential prosecution. The Chief Executive congratulated the Constabulary on this tremendous step forward in improving their services.

At 7.15 p.m., Sergeant Pitt left the Meeting.

RA/29. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 27th January 2010 were noted, subject to P. Yates being added to the list of those present.

RA/30. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

In the absence of the Forum Liaison Officer, it was requested that a further update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Granville School, as part of Section 106 Planning Agreement works, be provided at the next Meeting.

It was noted that, following a request, a presentation on the recycling of plastics would be provided at the next Meeting. Information on plastics recycling at recycling centres in the Repton area had already been provided.

A report had been circulated with the agenda, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous Meeting. The Chairman read a press release issued by the District Council advising that major highway works were due to start on the A511/A514 Clock Island junction at Woodville from 6th April 2010 for a period of two weeks. Details of the work to be undertaken were reported. A local Ward Member and parish council representative were appreciative of the works being undertaken. However, they enquired whether it would be possible for the works to be undertaken at night, to allow for minimum disruption. Reference was made to similar works undertaken during the night to Swarkestone Bridge.

It was agreed to request the Forum Liaison Officer to investigate the possibility of the works being undertaken during night-time.

Reference was made to a prior request to provide filter lights at the A511 crossroads with Sandcliffe Road, Midway. The Forum's attention was drawn to a recent accident which had occurred in this location, as a result of which the timing of the traffic lights was queried.

It was agreed to request the Forum Liaison Officer to investigate whether the timing of the traffic lights at this location required alteration.

A local Ward Member voiced his disappointment regarding the County Council's Traffic and Safety Manager declining the invitation to attend this Meeting to update on progress with regard to Section 106 planning agreement works at Moira Road, Woodville. The Chief Executive advised that he had written to the County Council on this matter, stressing that appropriate Officer attendance was required at future meetings in order to address specialised highways issues.

Reference was made to works undertaken to the A514/Repton Road, Hartshorne junction, adjacent The Rodney Public House, in respect of which correspondence had been submitted to the County Highways Department from the parish council and a neighbouring school. There was concern that no response had been received to the points raised and a formal written complaint had therefore been submitted. The Chief Executive advised that a Senior Officer at the County Council had recently passed away, which had left a void in this section and inevitably caused delays in dealing with highways issues.

At 7.25 p.m., Councillor Murray (District and County Councillor) joined the Meeting.

RA/31. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUE – BIG CHOICES – WASTE CONSULTATION**

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a joint consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. This consultation ended on 9th April 2010, although it had been agreed that any responses would be taken into account until the end of April 2010. Residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire.

It was noted that the District Council would also consider this document. The Big Choices Consultation was not site specific at this stage, but residents were encouraged to make their views known, as ultimately, site provision would need to be considered.

Arising from this report, a number of issues were discussed, including incineration arrangements, proposed recycling targets, the potential removal of a glass recycling bin from the Rodney Inn Public House, potential increase in size of civic amenity sites, plastics and glass recycling.

RA/32. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which would take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The registration line had been extended beyond the initial closing date of 6th April 2010 and places were still available. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that residents had to be aged 65 or over to attend. To request a place, residents should contact the registration line on telephone number 01283 595795. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

RA/33. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated to residents in due course.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.40 p.m.